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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Official Action mailed on March 23,
2004. Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.....

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	22	0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$290.00	\$ 0.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 0.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 0.00

(X) Amendment B.

() A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

() Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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